

Fair Tonight and Friday;
Temperature Steady.

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DISTRICT EMPLOYEES WELCOME AT RALLY OF FEDERAL CLERKS

Municipal Workers As Bad
Off As Those of Uncle
Sam.

NOT PROTECTED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE

Plans Complete for Letter Cam-
paign to Be Started At
Meeting.

Clerks in the District Government
who are not in the classified service
will be heartily welcomed at the
mass meeting of Government em-
ployees to be held at Convention Hall
Saturday night.

This statement was authorized to-
day by Fulton R. Gordon, the Wash-
ington business man who has taken
an interest in the welfare of the
clerks and who has volunteered to
personally bear the expenses of this
gathering.

Have No Protection.

These clerks have made inquiry
whether the movement now on for the
benefit of the civil employees would
include them. They are not civil ser-
vice clerks. They serve under the Dis-
trict administration and are subject to
removal by each incoming administration.

Furthermore, these employees declare
they are no better paid than are the
classified clerks, that they have no re-
tirement system, and that in all re-
spects they are on the same level with
the other clerks of the Government.

They have therefore asked if they are
to have any consideration in the gen-
eral movement.

Mr. Gordon says for his part that he
is just as anxious to work in behalf of
the District employees as in behalf of
the employees in the classified service
and that he will be glad to have the
District force participate in the meet-
ing and join in the plans for the bet-
terment of the welfare of the clerks
generally.

Bills Go Out Today.

The work on the part of the clerks
themselves for the success of the meet-
ing on Saturday will begin this after-
noon in earnest when the volunteers
from the departments assemble at Mr.
Gordon's office, in the Colorado build-
ing, and begin the distribution of hand
bills.

These hand bills give full details of
the mass meeting. They reassure the
clerks they need not fear to attend on
account of the Executive order pro-
hibiting them from organizing. No at-
tempt will be made Saturday night to
organize the clerks or otherwise in-
terfere with them. They can, however, with
entire safety, participate in the mass
meeting and listen to the plans, which
are now definitely made, whereby they
are to be benefited.

Plans Carefully Made.

These plans are carefully thought out.
In the first place the letter writing cam-
paign will be inaugurated. This does
not mean that the employees themselves
are expected to be "persecuted" ac-
tively. It does mean, however, that their
relatives and friends are to become ac-
tive and lend their full support to the
letter writing scheme.

Then, too, the proposition of asking
the two big national parties to in-
clude in their platforms pledges them
to support the measure for higher sal-
aries and a retirement system for the
Government's civil employees, will be ex-
ploited at this meeting.

These are among the things which the
clerks are invited to hear at the mass
meeting.

Scalped Girl Recovering Is Report of Physicians

Reports from the Emergency Hospital
this morning are to the effect that Miss
Alice V. Houghton, who suffered the
loss of her scalp at the Census Office
more than three weeks ago, is recover-
ing rapidly.

The final operation will be performed
upon her within the next few days.
Since skin was grafted on half her skull
nothing has been done toward covering
the other half, which is expected to
heal in the month, which ruptured
vessel, the King almost bleeding
death.

King Nicholas Is Victim Of Attack of Apoplexy

VIENNA, Feb. 23.—Private messages
from Cetinje today say that King
Nicholas of Montenegro is in a critical
condition from an attack of apoplexy.
It is not stated whether it is a new
attack or the one suffered by Nicholas
in the month, which ruptured a
vessel, the King almost bleeding
death.

WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Fair tonight and Friday; not much
change in temperature; lowest tempera-
ture tonight about 25 degrees.

TEMPERATURES.
5 a. m. 29 12 noon 32
9 a. m. 30 3 p. m. 34
1 p. m. 31 6 p. m. 35
11 a. m. 31

Today—High tide, 3:41 a. m. and 3:53
p. m.; low tide, 10:06 a. m. and 10:52 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 4:39 a. m. and
4:51 p. m.; low tide, 11 a. m. and 11:43
p. m.

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises.....6:43 | Sun sets.....5:46

Bids Asked for Largest Steel Vaults in World.

The largest and most expensive
steel vaults in the country, perhaps
in the world, are to be built in the
proposed building for the Bureau of
Engraving and Printing. Bids for their
construction have been opened
by the Treasury Department.

The vaults will cost \$600,000, just
double what was paid for the largest
present vault, that of the First Na-
tional Bank of Chicago. There will
be three of them, one for printing
plates, one for stamps and the other
for paper money.

They will be 130 feet long, twelve
feet high and thirty feet wide, with
doors a yard thick. The construction
will be of alternate layers of
chrome and bessemer steel, render-
ing the vaults impervious to every
known destructive agent.

George G. Hamner, local agent of
the Mosler Safe Company, said to-
day that such a large piece of safe
construction had never been at-
tempted before, and that it would
take three years to complete the
work. He said it would take twenty
freight trains of twenty cars each
to transport the steel to this city.

BEVERIDGE RENEWS FIGHT ON LORIMER

Life Story Appeals to Sym-
pathy, Not Judgment,
He Declares.

Declaring that while the life story of
Senator Lorimer, as given in the Senate
yesterday, appealed to his sympathy as
a man, it did not appeal to his judgment,
Senator Beveridge of Indiana re-
sumed the discussion of the Lorimer
case in the Senate shortly before 2
o'clock this afternoon.

Senator Beveridge began his speech,
which was a part of the arguments be-
gun day before yesterday, with an
analysis of the interesting story of
"Hinky Dink," which he said read like
a page from Hugo, and with the anal-
ysis of what he characterized as other
transactions and irrelevant matter not
connected with the charges in the case
and not covered in the evidence.

Not Concerned.

He declared that not one of the Demo-
crats mentioned by Senator Lorimer as
having voted for him on the score of
receiving bribes or were mentioned in
the evidence as having been concerned in
the bribery which the Senate was con-
sidering.

When Senator Beveridge began to
speak a number of the Senators left
the chamber, evidently feeling that the
interest in the case displayed yesterday
when Senator Lorimer spoke had to a
considerable extent died out. This led
Senator Owen to call for a quorum, and
in spite of Mr. Owen's efforts to keep a
quorum present, Senators insisted on
leaving the chamber and going to lunch
or to the cloak room.

"Facts" Set Forth.

Alluding to the fact that the friends
of Lorimer were laying claim to enough
votes to seat him, Senator Beveridge
said that, nevertheless, he would pro-
ceed as he had set out to do—to place
in the record the facts in this case. He
would also set forth the law of the case,
so that anyone who desired to be guided
by the facts and the law in making his
decision could do so.

"The Senator's explanation of the reason
why many Democrats voted for him
today, indeed, explain those votes. He
says that a number of the Democrats
voted for him on the score of personal
friendship," said Senator Beveridge.
"But has that anything to do with the
issue which we are sworn to discover?
Suppose a man owns a title to one of
these pieces of land, and the title is
questioned on the ground of fraud,
would any court in the land permit
him to plead that he acquired
twenty other pieces of land legally,
and without fraud?"

"If testimony were offered in such a
law suit showing that the title was
acquired by fraud in this particular
land would any court allow testimony
to the effect that touching address to
land whose title was not in question?"

"Irrelevant."

Discussing various features of Mr.
Lorimer's speech Senator Beveridge
declared that they had nothing to do with
the case.

"A good many years ago," said he, "a
certain comic opera satirized the efforts
of a type of lawyer who is always trying
to win a case by bringing forth matter
that is entirely irrelevant. This opera
became very popular and was widely
sung. The flowers that bloom in the
spring rain, have nothing to do with
the case, so I shall plead no further
to that touching address to which
we listened yesterday because
while it arouses our sympathy it does
not have appeal to our judgment by set-
ting forth relevant facts before us."

Senator Beveridge then took up the
record in the case, and proceeded to
discuss the dramatic effort. Senator Lor-
imer again called for a quorum, most
of the Senators being out of the cham-
ber when Senator Beveridge had reached
this point in his remarks.

Senator Gallinger is expected to fol-
low Senator Beveridge, and up to the
middle of the afternoon there was little
indication that a vote could be reached
today.

Senator Lorimer concluded at a
late hour last evening a four-hour
speech in his own defense. It is
the first time he has spoken on the
floor of the Senate since his defense in
the last session, when the investigation
into charges of bribery at Springfield
were ordered.

It was a dramatic effort. Senator Lor-
imer spoke in the presence of crowded
galleries and with nearly every Senator

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COAST'S INTERESTS PROTECTED IN PACT, PRESIDENT INSISTS

Telegram Sent to California
Governor to So Assure
Legislature.

MESSAGE A REPLY TO SLOPE'S PROTEST

Japanese Treaty Said to Have
Been Approved By State
Executive.

The President today sent a mes-
sage to Governor Hiram W. John-
son, of California, reassuring the
people of the Pacific coast that the
new Japanese treaty would protect
their interests in the matter of Jap-
anese and Korean immigration.

This message was prompted by the
telegram of protest which came from
the California Legislature to the ef-
fect that the absence of specific
treaty prohibition of such immigra-
tion meant that the relations be-
tween the Americans and the Jap-
anese in the West would again become
strained.

Mr. Taft's Telegram.

The message sent this morning is as
follows:
Gov. Hiram W. Johnson, Sacra-
mento, Cal.:
I have the resolution transmitted
by you. The treaty and the assur-
ance of the present arrangement are
exactly such as you approved when
the Secretary of State and I ex-
plained them to you here. Will you
not explain this to the two houses
of your Legislature, to prevent ac-
tion by reason of misunderstanding?

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

This message followed a conference
early in the day between the President,
Secretary Knox, and Senator Lodge of
Massachusetts, who is in charge of the
matter in the Senate.

Approved By Governor.

It was recalled at this conference that
when Governor Johnson, of California,
was here making the fight for the San
Francisco exposition, the President had
taken him into his confidence and had
explained the terms of the convention
then being negotiated. It was the Presi-
dent's recollection that Governor John-
son had approved the measure then in
its every detail.

This approval and that of Senator
Perkins of California had been taken
by the President and Secretary Knox
to mean that the Pacific coast would not
object to the treaty which did not
specifically prohibit the immigration of
Japanese laborers. It seems, however,
from the telegram received early this
morning from the California State
senate asking for a reconsideration of
the measure, that the Westerners are
not satisfied with the treaty as it stands
and are protesting against it on the
ground that it is a violation of the
understanding between the two nations.

Westerners Stay Away.

After talking the matter over with
Mr. Knox and Senator Lodge, the Presi-
dent resorted to the telegram in the
hope of inducing Governor Johnson to
put the west coast straight on the
treaty.

There were no Pacific coast Senators
or Representatives at the White House
today. This was taken by the President
to mean that the Representatives in
Congress from that section agreed with
Senator Perkins that the new treaty
would afford that section all the pro-
tection they desired.

"Unexpected objection in the Senate
to the ratification of the treaty came
from Senator Johnson of California,"
he expressed the belief that the treaty
sought to establish new tariff rela-
tions with Japan and that a recipi-
ent trade treaty with Japan was
in contemplation. Objection on the
ground that the treaty does not con-
tain a specific provision for the exclu-
sion of Japanese laborers was not
devoled.

East Ignorant of Needs Of Coast, Says Lawmaker

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 23.—"My
experience is that the people of the
East don't know what we want unless
we tell them. They are ignorant of
the needs of the Pacific coast. In the
case of Chinese exclusion, for exam-
ple, East finally became aware of that
attitude through the horrible examples
furnished by riots, mobs, and destruction
of property."

This statement by State Senator Bur-
nett appears to voice a general feeling
here today following the unanimous
adoption by the California senate last
night of a resolution calling on Con-
gress to refuse to ratify the proposed
new treaty with Japan. The resolution
from which inflammatory language was
carefully eliminated was telegraphed to
President Taft today.

There was no demonstration when the
resolution was passed at a special ses-
sion last night, but the debate which
preceded the vote was heated. Enemies
of Governor Johnson's administration
freely predicted that if the United States
Senate ratifies the treaty as presented
by Taft, that the Pacific coast would
be ruined. The governor is going
to have trouble holding the Legis-
lature together. The other hand, express con-
fidence that the Legislature will do nothing
which might endanger the success
of the coming San Francisco exposition.

California Protest To Japanese Treaty

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 23.—That
California does not intend to submit
tamely to the provisions of the proposed
new Japanese treaty is apparent from
the action of the State Legislature,
which has unanimously passed a resolu-
tion protesting against the ratification
of the treaty in its present form. A
telegram has been sent to President
Taft by the Legislature, in which the

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GAS NEARLY KILLS ELEVEN IN CHURCH NEAR FLEMINGTON

Congregation Dragged From
Edifice By One of the
Worshippers.

PASTOR OVERCOME WHILE IN PULPIT

Victims Taken to Schoolhouse
Near By, Where They Are
Revived.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 23.—
Eleven persons, including the min-
ister, the Rev. Mr. Chippe, barely es-
caped death from inhaling gas while
attending a revival last night at
Bailey Chapel, a short distance from
Flemington, W. Va.

The disaster recalls the Twigg-
Elosser tragedy here in which the
young couple met sudden death, sup-
posedly from carbon monoxide gas,
in the parlor of the Elosser home, on
the eve of their wedding on New
Year day.

Cold Kept Many Away.

Eleven persons attended the revival
meeting at Bailey Chapel last night.
The church had been crowded on pre-
vious evenings, but the intense cold
and high winds last night kept the majority
of the attendants at home.

While the clergyman was preaching
he suddenly was stricken and fell to
the floor. The ten members of the con-
gregation were stricken almost simul-
taneously. John Stutler was not com-
pletely overcome, and made his way to
the door. He threw it open, allowing
the gas to escape.

Unassisted he dragged the minister
and the stricken worshippers to the porch
of the church. Then he summoned Dr.
George R. Ogden, of Flemington, who
pronounced the majority of the victims
to be in a serious condition.

Removed to Schoolhouse.

He had them removed to a schoolhouse
near by and after being restored, one by
one, they were taken to their homes.
Some of the number are suffering from
the effects today, but it is expected all
will recover. A detective gaspise was
the cause of the tragedy, which was
Mr. Stutler was ill for a time, but
after reaching the open air he soon re-
covered.

Drops Dead Running to Fire in Dwarf's Hotel

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 23.—
Fire early today destroyed a half doz-
en blocks in the business center of
the city, causing a loss estimated at
half a million dollars. The big hotel
conducted by Admiral Dot, who at-
tained fame while traveling as a
dwarf with the Barnum & Bailey cir-
cus; Lexington hall, the Morrell
building, and the Brandeis block
were destroyed, and a number of ad-
joining structures damaged.

The guests of the hotel were com-
pelled to make their way to the
street in their night clothing, but
were cared for in adjoining houses.
The cold weather had frozen hy-
drants, and the firemen were unable
to check the flames.

Fred Carpenter, proprietor of a paint
shop, while running to the fire, dropped
down a flight of stairs and was badly
injured, but all will recover.

Robert Bromm, a volunteer fireman,
drove a car into the burning building
before comrades managed to cut
his boots from his feet and rescue him.

Minister of War Brun Drops Dead in Paris

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Minister of War
Brun dropped dead here today.
Brun's death was caused by embolism
of the heart. Death came at 2:05 this
afternoon while the minister was seated
at his desk conferring with his chief
of cabinet. He had suffered from a
slight attack of the grip for several
days and this is believed to have hast-
ened his death.

Premier Briand announced the death
of the minister of war, where the
news was received with deep regret by
the members.

Warship Ashore on The Scilly Group

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The Richelieu, an
abandoned French warship, went
ashore today on South Bishop island,
one of the Scilly group, at the head
of the English Channel, and is rapidly
breaking to pieces. The ship was being
towed to Holland and was torn from
her tugs by the gale of a fortnight ago.
Since then she had been a derelict,
in the path of Atlantic liners.

It was at first reported that the wreck
was a transatlantic liner and rescue
boats were rushed to the scene.

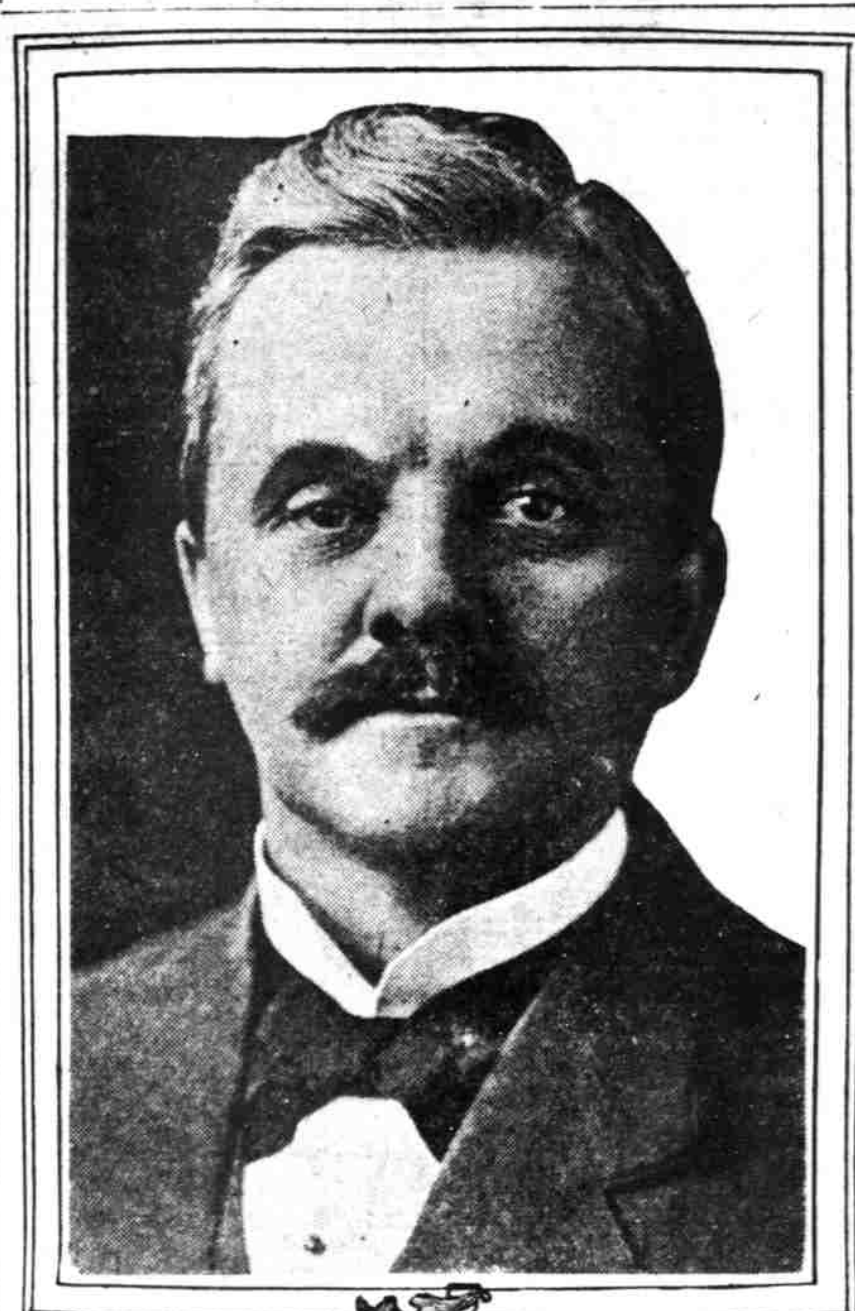
Wife-Murderer Goes Bravely to Gallows

ERIE, Pa., Feb. 23.—Despite the fact
that he collapsed yesterday and had to
be taken to the prison hospital, where
he heard carpenters working on the
scaffold on which he was to be hanged,
Alton V. Hoover went bravely to his
fate today. The drop fell at 10:25, and
he was dead ten minutes later.

Hoover, who was the son of a wealthy
physician, murdered his wife.

B. R. Coles, Uphoff Ph. M. 616—Adv.

Launches Fight Against "Coffee Trust"



GEORGE W. NORRIS,
Who Introduced Resolution in House to Secure Information of the Working
of the Combine.

COFFEE CORNERED BY GREAT COMBINE, IS NORRIS' CHARGE

Investigation of International Trust De-
manded by Resolutions Calling on State
Department for Information.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

With the charge that the world's coffee supply has fallen into the
control of a huge international trust; that prices have been uncon-
sciously increased in the last few months; that the trust is so powerful
that no ordinary means will reach it; that American interests are in-
timately involved in its conduct; and that the United States is the chief
victim of its operations, Representative George W. Norris of Nebraska
today introduced resolutions calling on the State Department and the
Attorney General to inform Congress what can be done to relieve the
people of this country.

In the last four months coffee prices have been advanced to an ex-
tent which involves an annual tax on the American public of many mil-
lions of dollars. Moreover, the advance has been largest in the cheaper
grades, used by people of limited means.

Coffee dealers say that in the period indicated, retail prices have
gone up so that coffee formerly sold at 15 cents now commands 20 cents
per pound; that which formerly brought 16 now sells for 22; the 18-cent
coffee of three months ago now sells at 24 cents; and coffee which
formerly sold at 28 now sells from 30 to 32.

TREMENDOUS TAX ON PEOPLE.

It has been conservatively estimated
that the cost of these increases will
aggregate no less than the tremendous
tax of \$5,000,000 a year on the coffee
used on the American table alone.

In introducing his resolution, on which
he will speak at length at the earliest
opportunity, Judge Norris, who is the
leader of the House insurgents, made
this statement concerning his own in-
vestigation of the coffee situation:

"Early in the present session my at-
tention was called to the condition in
the coffee market. I have devoted, a
great deal of time to the subject ever
since, and the situation that I have dis-
covered, through examination of trade
authorities, diplomatic and consular
documents, and interviews with authori-
ties in the trade, has astonished me, as
I think it will the public.

Power of Combine.

"I find that the coffee trade of the
world is controlled by a group of in-
ternational bankers of London, Brus-
sels, Paris, Berlin, and New York,
acting with the government of Brazil
and the Brazilian state of Sao Paulo.
This combination has been known to
exist for a long time, but only lately
has its tremendous and universal
power been known.

"Likewise, my investigation has
demonstrated to my satisfaction that
extreme discrimination is being exer-
cised against the United States, sim-
ply because this country is thought
to be able to stand the tax better
than others, and because we are the
largest consumer of coffee.

"The purpose of my resolutions is
two-fold. First, I want to know
whether there is any way, under the
maximum and minimum provisions of
our tariff, to retaliate against Bra-
zil; and, second, I am asking the De-
partment of Justice for information

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KILLED IN SAVING GRANDCHILD OF WAR SECRETARY

Coachman Turns Frenzied
Horses Direct At Dirt
Banking.

IS CATAPULTED OVER HEADS OF THE TEAM

Little Girl, Governess, and Foot-
man Escape Injury, But Driver
Dies In Half An Hour.

Deliberately heading his frenzied
team into a dirt bank, at Sixteenth
and Lamont streets, Edward Mc-
Quade, coachman to Secretary of
War Dickinson, this morning gave up
his life to save that of three-year-old
Helen Dickinson, the Secretary's
granddaughter.

McQuade was catapulted over the
horses' heads when the carriage
struck. He fell heavily, striking his
head on the pavement. He was un-
conscious until death followed half
an hour later.

Miss Dunning, little Helen's gov-
erness, who was with her, also es-
caped uninjured, as did Alfred
Wynne, the footman.

Shied At Piece of Paper.

The horses bolted when a piece of
paper blew in front of them at Six-
teenth and Irving streets. McQuade
did all he could to avert the accident.
The team bolted up Sixteenth street,
the baby occupant of the carriage
strangely quiet.

At Lamont street the driver made
a last effort to stop his animals. He
turned their heads and drove them
straight at a dirt bank on the west
side of the street. Striking the dirt
with all the impact the two crazed
horses could lend, the heavy pole of
the carriage sank three feet into the
bank. Then it snapped. The spring of
the breaking pole threw McQuade from
the driver's seat.

Little Miss Dickinson and her gov-
erness have for many weeks been riding
in the morning. Today McQuade with
Alfred Wynne, the footman, took them
driving. They had been out about an
hour, and were returning to the Dick-
inson residence, at 1810 Connecticut
avenue, when the accident occurred.

Throughout the flight of the horses,
the Secretary's little granddaughter and
Miss Dunning retained their presence of
mind, and McQuade, who has been
driving the Secretary's horses for
some time, warned them when he head-
ed for the soft dirt bank.

Shaken up But Not Hurt.

So it was that when the horses, bruised
and bleeding, struck the bank, and
the coachman, in his effort to save the
little child, was catapulted to his death,
the occupants of the carriage were not
injured.

When taken out of the wrecked equip-
age, they were badly shaken up, but
were not even bruised. The carriage,
despite the wrecking of the pole and
harness, did not overturn.

Unconscious, from a fracture of the
skull, McQuade, who was sixty-seven
years old, and who is the father of Sar-
gent McQuade, of the Seventh police
precinct, was placed in a carriage which
was passing, and hurried to Garfield
Hospital. As he was placed on the
operating table, he died.

Wynne, the footman, who was with
McQuade on the box, did not lose his
seat when the horses struck the bank.

Second Test to Decide Sanity of Frau Ulrich

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—A second commis-
sion of five men was appointed by the
public prosecutor today to examine the
mental condition of Frau Ulrich, who
confessed to assisting her husband in
the murder of an aged woman at
Munich last August.

Frau Ulrich says she was under the
hypnotic influence of her husband at the
time. Expert witnesses have upheld
her contention, and two have decided
against her. With such a division of
opinion, the prosecutor does not care
to order her indictment.

IN CONGRESS TODAY

Senator Cummins gets resolution
through Senate calling on tariff
board for information it has col-
lected on various subjects.
Finance Committee continues hearing
on reciprocity agreement.
Senator Beveridge addresses Senate on
Lorimer case.
Senator Gallinger introduces amend-
ment authorizing construction of
armory in District.
Military academy's appropriation bill
taken up in House.
Sundry civil bill, carrying \$140,000,000,
was reported.

White House Callers.

SENATORS.
Lodge, Mass. Heyburn, Idaho.
Burket, Neb. Richardson, Del.
Brown, Neb.
REPRESENTATIVES.
McMarran, Mich. Creager, Okla.
Loud, Mich. McCall, Mass.
LaFawn, Pa. Sturgis, W. Va.
Coles, N. C. Kusterman, Wis.
Sharp, Ohio. Wanger, Pa.
Longworth, Ohio. Massey, Tenn.
Austin, Tenn.
Former governor Durbin of Indiana,
Secretary Knox.
Secretary MacVeagh.
Secretary Nagel.
Postmaster General Hitchcock.
John Chandler Cobb, of Boston.